

Abstract of the Disclosure

METHOD FOR USAGE BILLING IN AN INTERNET ENVIRONMENT

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The invention presents a novel and efficient method of facilitating accurate usage billing. In a multi-user service provider environment, using weighted records of web-server usage to determine each user's bill for services is provided. The invention provides for billing with a minimal amount of overhead on the web host, which will benefit the web host's profit margin. The invention utilizes three pieces of information to compute the amount of usage. The weights that are associated with the functions are determined in order to score the system resource utilization of the respective functions. The weights need to be determined only once during the entire lifecycle of the application and may be based on empirical data or determined through lab tests. The weights can be stored in a static file.

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